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Ted Stevens

United States Senator for Alaska

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FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Literacy Council of Alaska - Book Recycling Program

Project Location: Program based in Fairbanks, operating throughout Alaska.

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

Please See Attached Page

Related Appropriations Bill:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: 82,800

Total funding to complete this project: 248,400

Number of years to fund this project: 3

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

108,000 books will be donated by Alaskans over the next 3 years.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

Book-Recycling Project Description

The mission of the Literacy Council of Alaska (LCA) is to promote literacy and to change lives through literacy.

LCA currently operates a used book-recycling program that sends used books to villages and agencies in Alaska free of charge. This program seeks to create a print rich environment ripe for learning. For example, every month we ship 400 books to the clubhouses of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska for their youth to have (they have over 30 clubhouses off the road system). Last year we distributed 18,000 books to children, families, and adults in 18 villages and 17 local agencies.

LCA currently operates this program primarily with volunteer support. The program is not sustainable without full time paid staff. Volunteers are not able to offer the long-term consistency needed to operate a program of this magnitude nor is LCA in a position to continue absorbing the material costs associated with this program. We are hopeful that through this project request we will secure \$82,800 annually, each year for the next three years totaling \$248,400. This money will cover two full time staff, shipping costs, travel, program supplies, and sustainability planning.

The primary staff responsibilities will include book collection, cleaning, and shipping of books, public relations with agencies and villages, data tracking, and marketing and sustainability planning.

With this funding, LCA will distribute 108,000 used books to 55 Alaskan villages and 35 local agencies over the next three years. This is a tremendous educational opportunities for Alaska.

Literacy Council of Alaska Background Statistics

LCA is a United Way member agency, accredited by ProLiteracy Worldwide, and operating as a MicroSoft Authorized Refurbisher. LCA is a public, nonprofit organization that has been *changing lives through literacy* for nearly 35 years. LCA is based in Fairbanks, AK. We have 120 students in our Adult Literacy Program receiving one on one tutoring. 16 families are currently enrolled in our family literacy program and are being offered 1,380 hours of educational services this year. This past summer 50 school age students filled to capacity our summer tutoring program. LCA also operates a computer-recycling program with the authority of a Community Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher (MAR). We give away 10-15 computers per month to individuals otherwise unable to afford a computer. This past year 140 volunteers donated 3,840 hours at LCA this past year helping us *change lives through literacy*.

Literacy Council of Alaska Financial Picture

LCA has a history of fiscal responsibility and has been audited or reviewed every year since 1990 (Tax ID # 92-6010100, Alaska Non-Profit # 12851). LCA has no debt. LCA is governed by an independent, unpaid, Board of Directors. LCA administrative overhead and fundraising expenses are 14% of our total budget of approximately \$320,000. Our current budget sources are as follows: 32% Federal Even Start, 20% LCA used bookstore, 12% United Way, 11% private contributions, 10% fundraisers, 8% State of Alaska grants, 7% contracts for services.